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SCIENTISTS' COMPARISONS OF FOLKLORE AND UFOS, CROP SYMBOLS AND POSSIBLE UFO COMMUNICATION

The UFO Study Group of Greater Saint Louis, Inc. will offer a double header presentation at its 2 p.m. meeting, Sunday, June 9, 2002 at Grone's Cafeteria, Yorkshire Plaza, Watson at Laclede Station Road. The first half of the program will be Thomas E. Bullard, Ph.D., professor and folklorist at Indiana University, lecturing via video on "*Comparisons of Ancient Folklore and UFO Accounts.*" Having analyzed the details of 103 human abductions, Dr. Bullard concentrates on three classic UFO cases.

His study not only shows comparable descriptions of ancient fairy tales, home invasions by good and evil gnomes and even some factors in 20th century urban legends with UFO abductees' verbal reports, ground trace evidence, sexual encounters with bizarre creatures and fantastic recollections of space travel. In addition, Dr. Bullard shows consistent fixed sequences which parallel both ancient mythical contacts with humans and UFO alien intervention in our generation.

1. "Don't look: they'll leave" syndrome.
2. Apparent "Doorway Amnesia."
3. Site uniformly lit from an indeterminate source.
4. Reports of a domed room or underground (or underwater) cavern.
5. Taken – sometimes against one's will – to another world or worlds.
6. Given of a tour of the space vehicle and occasionally views of extra-terrestrial cities.
7. Taught specific lessons.

This video recorded at the November 5, 1994 "*Symposium on the Science and Politics of UFO Research*" organized by the staff of the Museum of Science at Minneapolis, MN. It was highly recommended by John Timmerman, former Director of MUFON Ohio. It is distributed by the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. (CUFOS)

Rev. John Schroeder, currently Program Chairman of UFOSG and its former President will link Nancy Talbott's scientifically researched 1998 Eureka Springs UFO Conference report, "*Physical Evidence, Animal Deaths and Crop Circles*" with her 2002 "*Crop Circle on Demand*" disclosure. Add the opinions of Linda M. Howe and other experts that crop symbols are communications from an extra-terrestrial or inter-dimensional civilization with universals which picture recognizable motifs from our earth's major religions, mathematical sets offering precise fractals that are key to our scientific discoveries and perceptive replicas of genomic models appreciated by those professionals in the natural sciences.

Together, both presentations will leave you with the question, "What is our world coming to?" instead of our previous Study Group query, "What is coming to our world?"

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Forest Crawford's Presentation
UFO Study Group's Meeting - May 19, 2002

by Clarence Barnes, Pres.

The thought provoking presentation Forest Crawford gave May 19, 2002 to the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis was much appreciated. To set the mood Forest introduced his talk by playing an ethereal melody on a flute he had made.. He then explained how he had become interested in UFOs after seeing one up rather close when he was ten years old.

Right off, Mr. Crawford wanted us to know he was reared as a Catholic, but he had left its fundamental principles when science helped to answer more of his questions than the church. Science then became his personal religion rather than Catholicism.

As Forest continued he introduced several TV clips to explain the different points that he wanted the audience to understand. He went on to say how he now believed we all were immortal beings, that we all have lived other lives. (To support the foregoing, he advised the audience to read the books by Robert Monroe)

Forest wanted us all to fully realize that most students of ufology were more interested in validating their own personal beliefs than they were in actually searching for the truth. In supporting the foregoing and other concepts, he directed us to read "The Holographic Universe" by Michael Talbert. He added, the public doesn't really want to the truth about UFOs.

He wound up his speech by quoting from "The Truth Shall Set You Free" by David Icke. "Nothing or anything can take the personal power that you and I have by being personal Souls."



Ozark UFO Conference attendees wonder exactly what is out there

By Elizabeth Bartlett
Times-Echo writer

Rain didn't deter the crowd at the annual Ozark UFO conference this weekend. The conference, now in its 14th year, was held at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center in Eureka Springs.

More than 430 people attended lectures and traded information about what might be really out there during the three-day conference.

Just like all facets of life, the events of Sept. 11 affected the tone of the conference, resulting in more books and presentations connecting biblical prophecies with paranormal events than in previous

years.

"Even here, everyone's just looking for hope," said one vendor. "They're trying to find answers."

Journalist Linda Moulton Howe, who covers science and the environment in addition to "x-files," noted that crop circles appeared in the weeks preceding 9-11 in her keynote presentation.

"Could these formations be a struggle between dark and light?" she pondered as she showed slides of symbols formed into the wheat of Britain's farmland.

She also presented a scientific analysis of some circles. That analysis indicates the circles

were formed by a spinning energy field with microwave energy, according to Howe.

Attendees came from all walks of life, from retired clergymen to farmers. For some people, though, talk of extraterrestrial life was still the main attraction.

Although several came to hear new theories, some already had their minds made up.

"I'm not going to let them tell me about something I've already seen up close and in person," said one attendee.

Timothy Good, UFO researcher and author of *Unearthly Disclosure*, spoke to a packed room about accounts of UFOs and aliens from mili-

tary witnesses.

Good is known for getting eyewitness accounts from high-level sources.

His work has been supported by retired Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton, who was also chairman of the NATO Military Committee in the mid-1970s.

In between sessions, UFO fans hit the vendors' room, buying t-shirts, books, videos and alien-related souvenirs.

They also discussed among themselves different theories regarding extraterrestrial life, made new contacts and stepped outside occasionally to watch the stars.

Filer's Files

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GEORGIA GREEN CIGAR

SUWANEE -- About 10:10 PM, I went onto my deck in the back of house on April 11, 2002, to use the cell phone as sometimes I can obtain better reception when outside the house. It had been raining most of the day so the night was overcast. We back up to the woods and are somewhat isolated. I was talking to our friends when in the distance coming from the north I saw through the trees a flash of light. I could not initially distinguish the color as looking thru the trees dulled any color recognition. Our house sits in a slight valley as we are in the foot hills so there are many high and low areas. It came over the tree line about 150 yards from where I was standing. Something was traveling south putting out a bright green light from a straw or a cigar object. The light came on every two or three seconds directly over our house continuing south then out of sight over another tree covered area. There were no engine noises, and no other lights. This situation was so unusual that I had to report it. As far as my background is concerned I am presently a Vice President of an insurance company. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com>

FLORIDA FOOTBALL SHAPED OBJECT

MARIANNA -- On April 4, 2002, an object shaped like an elongated football was spotted at 3:30 PM. The witness states, "It appeared to be chrome or silver with no windows and looked like a football except narrower in the center. It was about 300 feet in the air to the north of Interstate 10, moving east in front of me, and I was actually moving faster at 75 mile an hour than it was. It was moving strait eastward alongside the interstate. There were many cars on the road at the time going in both directions, but no one stopped to look.

TENNESSEE FAST LIGHT MAKES UNBELIEVABLE 90 DEGREE TURNS

LYNNVILLE -- Please be advised that my husband and I witnessed an unidentified flying object on April 12, 2002, at approximately 8:40 PM over our home. The object appeared out of the west moving at a blinding rate of speed. It made an abrupt 90 degree turn toward the north then abruptly vanished. It reappeared and made a 90 degree turn toward the west, vanished again, reappeared and moved toward the east, vanished again, reappeared and moved toward the north where it vanished over the horizon miles away. The object was a bright white burn of light, no other color was visible, no flashing light of any sort. Our weather here tonight is low, dense cloud cover and this object was well below the cloud cover and made absolutely no noise. I am very familiar with aircraft, helicopters, and lightning. I have a telescope and am very aware of stars, planets, comets etc. This object was none of the these. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC

WISCONSIN UFO'S DAYLIGHT RENDEZVOUS

MUSKEGO -- The witness reports that on April 13, 2002, my wife returned from the grocery store. I went outside to sneak upon her. As I was approaching her I looked up and saw several aircraft on approach to Mitchell Airfield. Immediately upon fixing my eyes on those airplanes, I saw a small circle shaped grayish colored object streak across the sky in a westerly direction at 12:20 PM. I tried to get my wife to see but she missed it. With my eyes fixed on this new object I walked around the back of the cars to get a better look. This object was flying in a straight line, and the only noise I heard was from the airplane on approach. The UFO was smaller than either airplane and was traveling quite fast without leaving a vapor trail. It suddenly started to turn, but I didn't notice a banking movement as with the airplanes. It started making counter clockwise circles in a very small flight radius at high speed. Then a second object, third and a forth appeared all flying in counter clockwise circles stacked over the same airspace separated by altitude. The objects were going in and out of view as if they were reflecting off the sun, and then not and then reflecting again for five minutes when my eyes became strained from the sunlight. So I went inside and got the camera but when I went back outside they were gone. There were no news reports of any unusual flying objects. The weather was sunny, unlimited visibility, 59 degrees F. Thanks to UFOWisconsin.

ILLINOIS FIREBALL

LEMONT - The witness reports, "My buddies and I were out side on the porch in the hot tub at 9:00 PM, on April 24, 2002, when two huge fireballs floated above our back yard and then there left going at about 100 mph. They were about 20 feet tall and 30 feet wide. They seem to be talking to each other by making weird sounds. They would turn to each other and then look back at us. They left burn marks on the ground and toasted the grass. Thanks to NUFORC.



COUNTY MESSENGER, Belmont, NC - April 17, 2002 CR: G. Fawcett

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you for the feature story done on me, "UFO Expert Lives Among Us," that appeared in your March 27 issue.

Many of your readers are perhaps aware that June 24 will be the 55th anniversary of UFOs in modern times, which a private pilot, Kenneth Arnold, started by reporting his sighting of nine crescent-shaped UFOs flying above Mount Ranier, Washington in clear daylight hours.

Others probably have not heard the U.S. government findings over the years carried through private channels, rather than the public domain, as well as being revealed because of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits in Washington, D.C.

These governmental findings were that:

- UFOs are real.
- UFOs are not conventional objects.
- UFOs are not natural phenomena.
- UFOs are unconventional objects with a high degree of technology.
- UFOs represent a threat against national security and human survival.
- Some UFOs are friendly and some are hostile (some provoked and some testing devices) based on millions of encounters reported from 174 world nations.

Again, my thanks for the excellent coverage on this fascinating subject, for me at least, over the past 58 years.

*Sincerely,
George D. Fawcett*

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UFO Discussion Sites Invade Online World

Enthusiasts cover all points of view

By Dave Peyton
Tribune Media Services

Are UFOs real? They are on the Web. Cyberspace has become a popular gathering place for people who want to talk about unidentified flying objects. Some attempt to prove that UFOs are spaceships from other galaxies. Some try to prove that world governments know UFOs exist and are trying to hide the truth. Still more are anxious to debunk UFOs as mass hysteria and myths. For those holding any of these points of view, there's more on the Web than you could pore over in a lifetime. The National UFO Reporting Center (www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr) offers historical reports of UFO sightings, as well as sightings by users. Such sightings are posted anonymously in the database monthly, according to location and date. If nothing else, they're interesting reading. The UFO Roundup (www.ufoinfo.com/roundup) offers a weekly compilation of UFO-related events and stories. Aficionados can stay current on the

latest UFO sightings and news about UFO research.

UFOSeek (www.ufoseek.com) offers a search engine for those interested in UFOs and other manifestations of the paranormal. Search for online articles about everything from alchemy and alien abductions to witchcraft and World War III.

The British have their own UFO research society. The British UFO Research Association's Web page is at (www.bufora.org.uk). BUFORA is a network of about a thousand people "who have a dedicated, non-cultist interest in understanding the UFO mystery. Within that membership are many active investigators and researchers working with the direct claims of witnesses to collate the data necessary to bring the understanding nearer."

The site is low-key and scientific, making it one of the most believable of all the UFO sites on the Web.

The Black Vault (www.blackvault.com) is a great example of how to use the federal

Freedom of Information Act to get government information about UFOs--and anything else that interests you. John Greenwald, now 21, was in high school when he launched the site. You'll find scores of government documents relating to UFOs, as well as tips from Greenwald on how to use the law and obtain information for yourself. "The law exists...you might as well use it," Greenwald says.

Dr. Stephen M. Greer, the international director of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (www.cseti.org), has concluded that extraterrestrial life forms exist. His organization is "dedicated to establishing peaceful and sustainable relations with extraterrestrial life forms."

A note on the main page claims that people in the president's office, as well as Pentagon officials, visit the site regularly. There are quotes about UFOs from public figures, including Presidents Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter.

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ON THE UFO TRAIL

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The drought has finally broken with regard to Unidentified Flying Object activity in Victoria. A valuable contact has been observing usually daily sightings of UFOs in a Victorian valley since early June last year. Since that time the activity has been followed up by VUFORS investigators with on-going visits to the valley. The observer's identity will not be disclosed until he wishes to go public.

The location of the valley will also remain confidential until sufficient video footage has been analysed by selected scientists with many years experience in this field of investigation. Hopefully at least one or two scientists from overseas will visit the valley if the sightings continue.

The pattern of activity is similar to that which occurred in the Hessdalen Valley of central Norway, having commenced in 1981 and ceased in 1983. The September 2001 issue of the Australian UFO Bulletin gives some of the information I acquired during my visit to central Norway in 1986 and 1987.

An article by Philip Mantle in the January 2002 edition of the MUFON Journal discloses an interview with Odd-Gunner Roed, the Project Coordinator of the Hessdalen Valley Project. That activity has now returned and is increasing coincidentally with a similar pattern in the Victorian valley.

The Victorian lights appear to be operating in concert with a large object as they go back and forth to this much larger object. At times, there appears to be no indication of the purpose of the lights as they fly within or above the valley. Most of their time is spent flying within the val-

ley. The smaller lights have been observed flying in formation.

is confined to one valley. They may venture further afield when most people are asleep, or do not light up at these times. About 200 people live in the Hessdalen valley whereas there are only two houses in the Victorian valley, and the local forest obscures clear viewing from these houses.

I have visited the site ten times in the past six weeks as this is being written, and have observed two large objects along with up to six smaller objects operating in concert with the large ones. The location from which the UFOs are being videoed only has room for two cars and it is necessary to keep interference to a

minimum as this might upset the activity. We want to secure as much information as possible while the sightings last, however, footage will be shown at our public meetings.

Responses to low power laser light signalling in the two valleys differ. At Hessdalen an object responds by doubling its flash rate when a laser is pointed at it, whereas the Victorian objects turn their lights off. When an aircraft flies overhead in Victoria the UFO lights go off as if they do not wish to be seen. When the aircraft is no longer in view, the UFO lights return.

Sometimes the Victorian lights do not appear until the observer flashes a spotlight over the valley. Most times they appear soon afterwards. Occasionally, the objects respond with the same number of flashes. Infrequently, a solid object can be seen when its lights are off. This happens at the Norwegian and Victorian sites.

At the Norwegian site, radar can be used to detect the objects, but on some occasions they are seen and are not detected by the radar. Unfortunately, we do not have radar facilities so can make no comparison but the observer has abundant video footage.

Dr J. Allen Hynek, former consultant on UFOs for the United States Air Force, visited the Hessdalen Valley and described the project as a UFO laboratory. He was extremely impressed by the results of the project. In short the project was viewed as science verses the UFO.

International interest is spreading and we hope that at least one or two scientists from overseas will visit Australia. The Hessdalen Valley is 15 kilometres long, about the same size as the valley in Victoria. The main puzzle is why activity

The Victorian lights are usually white but have been observed changing to a yellowish colour, while others, a mixture of reds.

Several other geographical locations are known to attract UFOs in large numbers such as the Pennine Hills in Northern England, Marfa Texas and as it now appears, a valley in Victoria, Australia.

Conspiracies

By Don Joy

Part 1

In the paranormal business, we're surrounded by conspiracy. From mere silence to men in black and black helicopters, virtually every paranormal phenomenon has its stories of "Them" - the people trying to suppress and hide the true facts. It doesn't take long to feel like you're in the middle of an episode of the X-Files, but there are good conspiracies and bad conspiracies and some are just utter nonsense. If you watch the X-files regularly, you'll note they've been spending a lot of time AWAY from the evil conspiracy. That's because, after a while, it looks like the only two people NOT involved in the cover up are Mulder and Scully. But let's get back to the real world.

As I say above, this is part one of two. In this part, I'm going to examine some of the "bad" and nonsensical conspiracies that continue to be promoted by the media. Next time, I'll examine a couple of the "good" conspiracies (ie, there's actually information to back them up) and try to lay down some guidelines for a good conspiracy - at least from my perspective.

Nonsense Conspiracy #1: Alternative 3. "Alternative 3" started out as an April Fool "documentary" on the BBC. It missed its air date by a week, so many people never got the joke. Briefly, the

plot line is that the Earth is in terminal eco-crisis (cooling, I believe, based on the time frame of the early 70's) and the powers that be have decided to evacuate to Mars. We have had moon bases and Mars bases since the early 60's and the rich and powerful will soon be departing to begin their new, wonderful lives on Mars, leaving the rest of us peasants to roast to death (90's version...)

When I need a chuckle, I pull out the "Casebook on Alternative 3". Jim Kieth, oddly enough, begins his book by pointing out how the show was made, the silliness in the original "documentary" and the fact that it was completely fabricated. His conclusion from this: the producers hit the nail squarely on the head and were 100% accurate. Does anyone else see the disconnect here? The rest of the book devolves into a repeat of "None Dare Call it Conspiracy" as written by Gary Allen. The Nazis are working with the Jews and Masons and have been for centuries... well, you get the idea. While Gary Allen's work is interesting from the historical perspective of global conspiracies (and certainly not meant to be lumped with Alternative 3 studies), Kieth has pulled together every conspiracy story I've heard in the last 30 years to support the "evacuation to Mars". As they say at CSICOP (even they get it right

occasionally), "Absence of evidence is Evidence of Absence".

Nonsense Conspiracy #2: The Philadelphia Experiment. You know the story - Navy makes ship disappear, crewmen are stuck in the bulkheads, Navy covers the whole thing up. But where did it come from initially? The story comes from a single individual, Carl Meredith Allen, alias Carlos Miguel Allende. Mr. Allen is a man who changed his name and started telling this story in the early 70's. Charles Berlitz, fresh off his success with "The Bermuda Triangle", was looking for a follow-up. He chose "The Philadelphia Experiment". I would suggest reading Mr. Berlitz's "The Bermuda Triangle", then follow-up with Lawrence David Kusche's "The Bermuda Triangle Mystery - Solved". These two books illustrate the difference between good research (Kusche) and no research (Berlitz). The point here is that Mr. Berlitz applied the same research techniques to his second book.

One aspect of real conspiracies is that the more people who are involved, the more likely it is someone will spill the beans. Once someone starts to talk, the more probable it is that someone else will break ranks and speak out. That hasn't happened here. Not a single member of the crew has come forward to support the story - in fact, they all categorically deny it ever happened. Consider the ship involved - the U.S.S. Eldridge. This ship was a destroyer escort, not a cruiser as usually stated in the literature. After the war, it was given to Greece, an odd thing to

do with a top secret piece of gear. The Greeks eventually misplaced it 30 years later - and it ended up in a scrap yard, waiting with many other old, worn out ships to be cut up as salvage. Hide in plain sight is a legitimate technique, but think about this possible solution to the problem: the Philadelphia Experiment occurred in the middle of World War II. If I wanted to cover it up, why not take the ship into the mid-Atlantic, sink it (witnesses and all) and declare it as one more war loss, cause unknown? Simple Solutions work the best, but no one ever seems to use them in these "conspiracies".

Nonsense Conspiracy #3: We did not go to the Moon. I won't spend too much time on the Fox special since Tom and I are planning to do a whole presentation on it. I just want to refer you to the first sentence in the paragraph above. In the Philadelphia Experiment, the cast was in the hundreds, but you can keep conspiracies quiet with groups of dedicated people that size. I invite you to take a look at the F-117 Stealth Fighter program as an example. But the moon program cast was in the hundreds of thousands. Other than a few, die-hard conspiracy freaks, none of these other people have come forward to say they were involved in faking the landings. No astronaut has broken ranks, no film director has spoken up... Absence of Evidence... You get the drift.

I am not denying conspiracies occur. Next time, I'll explore some conspiracies that I believe are real, sifting the evidence to support them. The point here is that we

have to be critical of which ones we buy into - and what is the basis for doing so. There's a lot of BS in this field - we have to be prepared to ignore it in our quest for real information.

Part 2

In part one, I took a few bogus conspiracies to task. The point was not to say there is no such thing as a conspiracy - quite the contrary. Conspiracies do exist and even flourish. But not everything is a conspiracy. This month, let's look at some real conspiracies and try to identify some "fingerprints" that will let us tell the difference between the real and not so real conspiracies.

Real Conspiracy #1: Desert One. Most of us older folk remember the abortive attempt to rescue the hostages in Iran. The plan was abandoned after an accident at the staging base, Desert One, in the Iranian desert. One of the helicopters struck the refueling aircraft with its rotor, starting a blaze, and killing several of the crew. The problem is, the pictures released by the Iranians clearly show the helicopter rotors are intact. I have no idea what actually occurred at Desert One, it is simply apparent from the evidence on hand that the official story is not the correct one.

Real Conspiracy #2: The F-117 Stealth Fighter. This is an aircraft that was developed, built and deployed with the highest security. Only the Russians can say how effective it was from their perspective, and they're not talking. But to do this, hundreds of people were involved in the design and construction. The Air Force

even crashed 3 of them (one on Long Island!) and kept the plane secret. How did they do that?

First, they kept the conspiracy as small as possible. There were hundreds of people involved, but not all were "in the know". Most worked their small piece and did not have knowledge of the greater whole. A bigger part of this was patriotism - the people involved knew what they were doing was vital to the security of this country and they kept their mouths shut. A third piece (and one very often overlooked) was practice. The Lockheed Skunk Works has lots of experience with Black Projects and the people are experienced at keeping the tactics and job of secrecy.

Still, the Air Force did crash these planes and managed to keep the lid on. How did they do this? They had pre-arranged cover stories ready to be released as contingency planning. They had (and have) security troops ready to deploy and secure the area and the wreckage. Again, this is not new. In World War II, Boeing crashed a B-29 into one of their factories and managed to sell the story that it was a B-17 - this despite the pictures of the aircraft tail in the papers clearly showing it was NOT a B-17. The story was released an Air Force fighter crashed, the pilot was not killed and that's that. So routine that no further details or explanation was necessary.

Real Conspiracy #3: Roswell. The hard core skeptics may believe this is passe, but it isn't. The actions of the Air Force in the last 10 years show that there was and is an active conspiracy

dealing with the events around Roswell. Does this mean an actual alien spacecraft crashed there? No - but it shows the Air Force (and presumably the government in general) wants those events obscured.

The first clue here is the number of different stories released about the events at Roswell. The Air Force as offered a minimum of 4 different versions of what was recovered at Mac Brazel's Ranch. We can discount the original 1947 story since it was obviously faked and even the Air Force admits it was untrue. But there is no reason for the different stories in the 1990's. As the Air Force trots out each subsequent explanation (Japanese Bomber Balloon, Sky Hook Balloon, V-2 Rocket, Project Mogol Balloon) one thing is clear - none of these are true. Each of the projects used as an explanation were classified in the 1940's - all were long declassified by the 1990's. If the Air Force was not hiding something, they could provide the definitive explanation on the first try. As they make each press release, they sound more and more like Bill Clinton discussing White House interns.

Another big clue is the amount of effort devoted to these various stories. The Air Force has caused at least 2 books to be printed to discount Roswell. Compare this to the Navy response to the Philadelphia Experiment. The Navy denies anything happened and leaves it there. They don't make up stories because they don't have to - nothing happened. There are no witnesses coming forward every other day, there's no new

hard evidence developed showing what occurred. Since the story is bogus, the Navy can issue simple denials and forget it. The Air Force must deal with 350 plus witnesses from all parts of the country. As each one adds to a growing, CONSISTENT story, the Air Force must issue more and more comprehensive denials. As they do, the inconsistencies in their stories become more apparent and they have to switch stories to maintain plausibility.

Roswell is also the counter point to an item in the previous article: once someone blows the whistle, others feel free to step forward and tell their version of things. Again, this happens consistently with Roswell - not with the Philadelphia Experiment.

Real Conspiracy #4: The Face on Mars. I won't repeat the whole story since most of the readers will be aware of it. The conspiratorial aspects of the story are again obvious to follow. As the Face on Mars movement was gaining momentum in the late 80's, NASA assumed a "light and shadows" stance on the face. I like to stress that the original work was done by NASA photo analysts. These same analysts never made wild claims as to origin or relevance of the Face - they simply stated repeatedly that this and other related features were scientifically interesting and deserved a better look. NASA took the position that they had enough Mars photos and there was nothing there to see.

Despite the official position, NASA was quietly changing their next Mars probe from being a resource, non-photo mission into a

photo mapping mission. They did this with no official announcements. At the same time, the signed over the rights to the photos to the camera's manufacturer, keeping them from the public eye for 6 months. From the NASA perspective, this was unprecedented. These policies continue to this day, even as NASA prepares an even better camera to head towards Mars.

What we see here are two actions indicating the conspiracy. First, they were public saying one thing ("we're not interested in photos") while actually doing something else (adding a very good camera to the probe). Second, they quietly reversed the policy of immediate public release of information and created the ability to suppress new photos for a minimum of 6 months.

In closing, what are the "fingerprints" that indicate a real conspiracy based on the short list above?

- 1) Releasing information that can be proved false;
- 2) Small operating groups;
- 3) Compartmentalized operations;
- 4) Remote locations;
- 5) Contingency planning;
- 6) Changing story lines;
- 7) Continuing, large scale denial effort;
- 8) Large number of diverse witnesses at odds with the "official" story;
- 9) Appearance of new, credible witnesses as time passes;
- 10) Official invocation of security measures (ie, "that's classified")
- 11) Actions don't match state ments;

- 12) Unannounced changes to public/previous policy.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list of items that indicate the presence of a conspiracy. They are the more obvious ones. If you encounter a suspected conspiracy, run what you know against this list. Do you see 3 or more hits on the list? If so, it may more to indicate you're on the trail of something. On the other hand, be open to this possibility: if you only get a hit on 1 or 2 items, you might just be witnessing the normal environment of SNAFU that accompanies any bureaucracy. ■

MARMADUKE / By Brad Anderson



"Marmaduke finds the strangest friends."



UFO TRAILS MOTORIST NEAR TAUPO, NEW ZEALAND

On Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 8:30 p.m., the witness C.R. was driving through Turangi township near Taupo, in the center of New Zealand's North Island, when he spotted a slow-moving object approaching from the north.

"I was going to pick up some friends to go out fishing," C.R. reported, "Just as I was driving past Turangi township, I noticed a light just above the houses. As we have a lot of aircraft passing over, I assumed it was a helicopter. So I pulled over and wound (rolled down in the USA--J.T.) my window, but there was no noise."

"I freaked out because I have a passion for choppers, and I knew this wasn't one. I picked up my friend and still heard nothing as it flew over our car at about 20 feet (6 meters) off the ground.. There were no flashing (navigational) lights or what you would expect from a conventional aircraft."

"We carried on to another friend, and he and his wife were looking at it as we pulled up to his house. She had seen red and blue lights on it. But the light I saw was white, and it didn't seem to have a reflection, if you can understand that."

"As we stood in my friends' backyard, it made a 45-degree climb and (then) seemed to be motionless. But approximately 20 to 30 seconds later, it had disappeared like a space shuttle would out of the atmosphere. It was 200 to 300 metres (660 to 1,000 feet in length) and departed just southwest of Turangi township."

"I would like a feedback on this, as I can't comprehend what it could have been," C.R. said, adding that his friend's wife told him that there had been other reports of UFOs in recent issues of the local newspaper, the Taupo Times. (Email Form Report)

1726: STRANGE ARTIFACT FOUND IN SCOTLAND

"Said a correspondent of a Newcastle-on-Tyne newspaper, written from Edinburgh," Scotland's capital, "on 25th May 1726."

"We have an account from Airth, 18 miles (30 kilometers) from this city (Edinburgh), near to the influx of the Carron, of a very rare piece of antiquity found on the south bank of the (Firth of) Forth, viz. a canoe 36 feet (10.9 meters) long, 4 feet (1.3 meters) broad, in the middle, and 4 feet, 4 inches (1.4 meters) deep, also 4 inches (10 centimeters) thick along the sides. It is all of one piece of solid oak, sharp at the stem (bow) and square at her stern."

"The river washing away the banks discovered a part of her. She was ordered to be dug up by Mr. Graham, judge-admiral and proprietor of the place. What was discovered of her was found to be above (more than) 15 feet (4.5 meters) under the ground. It is remarkable that she is finely polished, being perfectly smooth on the outside, and inside the wood is of an extraordinary hardness and not one knot in the whole."

"Sir John Clerk says there lay above this ancient craft, strata of loam and clay, moss, sand and gravel. 'This ancient boat was found not far from Arthur's Oven, or 'Templum Termini.'"

What is intriguing about this ancient artifact is the depth from which it was recovered. Sir John's description of "loam and clay, moss, sand and gravel" provides some important clues. The "sand and gravel" is what geologists call till, a deposit laid down by the mile-high glaciers of the last advance of ice during the Pleistocene Period (a glaciation known as Wurm in Europe and Wisconsin in the USA--J.T.), which occurred around 25,000 B.C.

Since the dugout canoe was found in situ below the glacial till, it was clearly carved from a single giant oak before the final Pleistocene glaciation. During this last interglacial period, Scotland was part of the European mainland and was covered by a temperate maritime rain forest similar to the those of Canada's British Columbia province or Oregon, Washington state and southeastern Alaska in the USA. The oak trees which formed the material for building this boat were there in great numbers. But who could have built it?

From the description of Mr. Graham's work crew, the boat is of a style totally foreign to ancient Europe. Moreover, it is so well-made that it appears to have been cut and shaped by a machine. It doesn't quite fit the technology that was prevalent in the Paleolithic era (Old Stone Age) described by conventional science.

Did an unknown civilization exist in Scotland 30,000 years ago? Was this civilization wiped out by the last advance of the Pleistocene glaciers?

Chalk up another "Mystery of the Past." (See the book Secret Cities of Old South America by Harold T. Wilkins, Adventures Unlimited Press, Kempton, Illinois, 1998 edition, pages 428 and 429.)

(Editor's Comment: If the boat is still on display somewhere in Scotland, it might be interesting to do a Carbon-14 analysis of an oak sliver from the hull. But don't hold your breath waiting for this to happen. Before orthodox science will admit that an advanced civilization existed in the Pleistocene, they'll claim that Graham's boat was the dinghy from Noah's Ark.)

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ABDUCTEE COMES FORWARD IN ANGOL, CHILE

"An electrician claims having been abducted by a UFO while traveling between two cities in southern Chile."

"Gabriel Encina, 47, stated that his strange experience occurred six years ago, but the anguish he experienced kept him from disclosing it until now."

"No one can keep me from thinking that I was abducted by something or someone. What I saw wasn't an airplane or a flying saucer--it was simply a very bright light that landed on top of my car," said Gabriel Encina in an interview with the newspaper *Diario Austral* de Temuco."

"Encina notes that he never discussed the subject and that only his wife and close friends knew about it. 'I know that others will call me a madman.'"

"In spite of the time that has elapsed, I'm still a bit affected by it.

Ever since the abduction, I have had headaches, migraines and bone trouble,' he explained, 'I have difficulty sleeping. I'm afraid of dreaming, and when I close my eyes, I see the light following me, moving slowly towards me.'"

"Encina recalled that the incident occurred on June 27, 1996 at 8 p.m. while traveling between Los Sauces and Angol in the La Araucania region 608 kilometers (365 miles) south of Santiago de Chile," the national capital, "under clear skies and the damp weather characteristic of the winter season."

(Editor's Note: June is the middle of winter in Chile, Argentina, Australia and the other countries of the southern hemisphere.)

"I suddenly saw a very bright white light some 3 meters (10 feet) in diameter which appeared and descended and followed me. I accelerated but, curiously, the car lost speed," he added."

"He says that when the light descended on his vehicle, the radiance was so intense that he could make out dust particles floating in the air. 'That's when I felt anguish and passed out.'"

"According to Encina, when he awoke, both he and his car were some 12 kilometers (8 miles) away from where the encounter with the alleged UFO took place. 'My legs trembled, and my head hurt. I was surprised that my wristwatch had stopped at 8:05 p.m., although about an hour had elapsed since the encounter,' Encina explained."

"In mid-April of 2001, Erasmo Mena, an expert with the Centro Informativo para el Fenomeno OVNI en America Latina (CIFOAL; Spanish for Information Center on the UFO Phenomenon in Latin America--J.T.) described the 'massive' presence of UFOs between the cities of Angol and Victoria, which could be seen by the unaided eye." (See the newspaper *Diario Austral* de Temuco for May 14, 2002; also Spain's EFE news agency report for May 17, 2002. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros *Chupacabras* and *Other Mysteries* y *Forbidden Mexico*, y tambien Marco Reynoso de Fundacion Cosmos para esas noticias.)

Filer's Files

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ILLINOIS ABDUCTION

Paul S. reports, I learned about missing time and a position change on Carlyle Lake in Illinois that took place on October 28, 1999 with the help of a GPS trail. It took a long time but I finally found some one who could assist me in recovering the memories of this event. On Saturday, April 6, 2002, I went to Craig Lang a hypnotherapist and investigator and was able to recover the memories of the Carlyle incident with his help. I was pulled in my boat straight at the railroad bridge embankment just as the GPS showed. It was at a lower angle than I had thought so for a while I thought I would hit it, and then the flight curved up. The boat did not stay level as I had imagined, but tipped over and I floated out after trying to hang on. By the time I found myself going into the craft the boat was almost upside down. It seemed as if I went right through the floor of the craft with no door involved but I am not sure of this. I always figured I would look up at some time and see the UFO, but I was too scared to look.

A grey came over and escorted me to a table. I focused on his strange looking hand. I remember that the tips of his fingers had little balls or something on them. I did not want him to touch me. I don't remember being undressed, but when I wound up on the table, my clothes were gone. That was embarrassing. A bigger guy came, stuck his eyes in my face, and seemed to engulf me and suck something out of my mind. However, I nothing gone. I guess that this was some kind of brain scan. When he left I swung myself off the table and went to where my clothes where. The next thing I know I am back on the table and again got off. Then they let me dress and maybe even helped me. Then they stuck me in my boat, opened a hatch of some kind and shoved me and the boat into the air about 900 feet over Carlyle Lake. I was so scared I stopped the regression and took a rest. I then was able to remember the boat splashing down and my reseating in it without harm. Maybe I made them mad.

There is more, of course, including an abduction that took place while I was walking in a park in Southern Illinois. Several years ago they took me straight off the ground up into the clouds and into a craft. I was unable to remember what happened on the craft that time. I kept saying, "Is this a view from an airplane?" However, all I could see was the toes of my shoes, no window, and no airplane. This had to be quite a few years ago. Craig had to work with me to break the memory blocks they use. He backed me up from the second position on the lake and had me repeatedly replay the events leading up to the abduction. Once I remembered the flight to the craft then things came easier. Nothing on the craft looked as I had visualized it. On the first day, I saw everything on the ship as clouds and not clear. On the second day, the images on the ship where quite clear. Thanks to Paul S <http://www.mm.com/user/crlang/>

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MARS HAS VAST OCEANS OF WATER ICE AND LIFE

New data collected by the Mars Odyssey spacecraft now confirms the existence of vast oceans of water ice just below the surface of Mars. Based on my analysis of recent images coming from Mars, and other intelligence information there is strong evidence that intelligent life once existed on Mars and may continue to this day as predicted in Filer's Files #9 (Feb 27, 2002). As a former Air Force Intelligence officer my analysis is based on my interpretation of the Mars spacecraft images that clearly showed that there was water on Mars. Scientists often state where there's water there is life? There is now scientific confirmation of vast amounts Martian water. There is enough ice to indicate that ancient oceans, and a warmer climate, might have supported life. Scientists now confirm there is enough ice to flood the Red Planet if it melted. A BBC news leak has prompted a major science journal to lift its news embargo, and scientists are now verifying preliminary findings. The journal 'Science' will publish findings on May 31, 2002, confirming there is vast amount's of water. The scientists claim they have extensive data confirming a layer of hydrogen across much of the planet within three feet of the surface.

I also have confirmation of large amounts of heat being produced underground and the ruins of geometric structures at the surface. The heat correlates to areas suspected of having underground geometric structures inferring metropolitan areas may be present. A Martian civilization faced with diminishing atmosphere, lower temperatures, and bombardment by meteors would logically go underground for protection. My analysis of this data indicates that intelligent life once existed on Mars, and most likely went underground in the past and likely still exists. Our own robots or astronauts traveling to Mars would be able to use this water making Mars a more hospitable place. My own interpretation of NASA images clearly indicates that life, even advanced life forms have existed on Mars. See URLs

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MISSOURI LARGE DISK SHAPED OBJECT SPOTTED

ASHGROVE -- The witness's daughter called him into her room at about 10:12 PM, on February 13, 2001, and said, "Look at that!" An object the size of softball at arm's length was hovering in the northern sky ten degrees above the horizon. It shot straight up to about thirty degrees and seemed to float back down. It appeared to be flat with a raised top with a red strobe like light on top the size of a pencil eraser. There were white lights on each end or edge. It made no sound and did many very fast maneuvers, flew straight up and flashed out.

ASHGROVE -- The witness reports a strange sound woke me at about 2:00 AM, Sunday morning March 9, 2002. It was a hum? Then like a metallic sounding rum---rum---rum about five seconds apart. It was nothing like I have ever heard. I jumped out of the bed and ran to the window to see what it was? The next thing I remember is waking up about 9:00 AM. I didn't feel strange or anything just puzzled.

CAPE GIRARDEAU -- At 9:45 PM, the witness a police officer observed a circular object traveling southbound at 400 feet in altitude without lights moving slowly at no more than 30 MPH on January 26, 2002. The object was 50 feet in diameter and appeared to "float" as it made no noise. The object was white or a "shiny" color, which reflected light from below, but it was not displaying its own running lights. It could only be seen from the reflection of lights from the ground. The officer says, "I aimed a handheld radar at the object, but did not receive a reading. Peter Davenport spoke with the officer and found him to be exceptionally credible. They appeared on the Jeff Rense Radio Program on Feb. 12, where an archived copy is available at the www.Rense.com. Thanks to NUFORC

MISSOURI DAYLIGHT SILENT TRIANGULAR SHAPED CRAFT

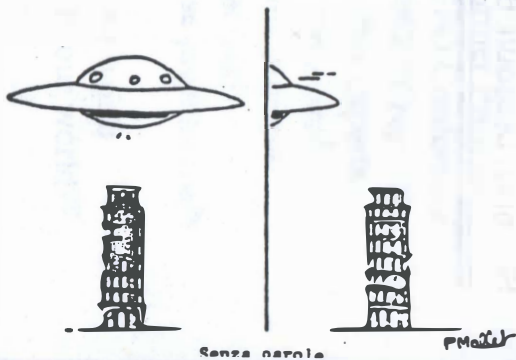
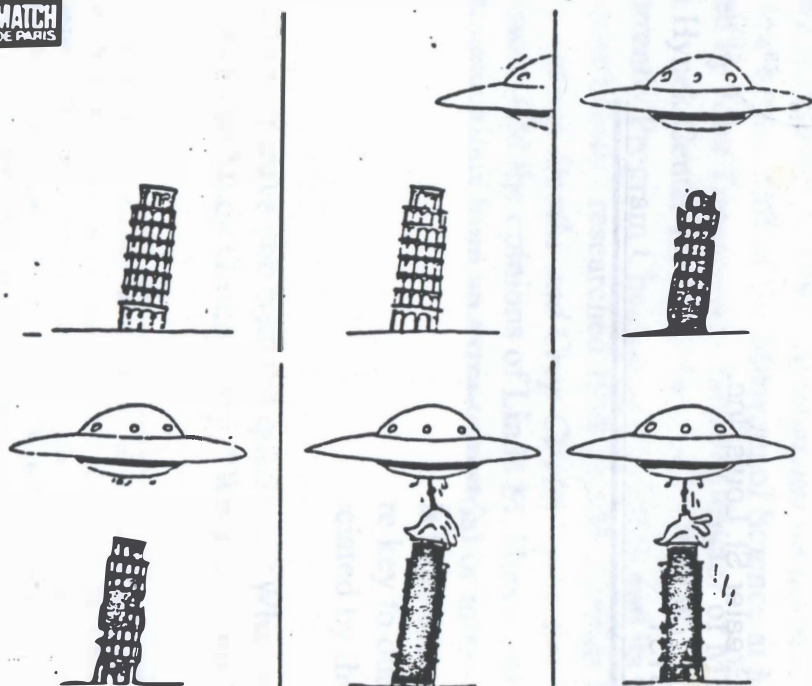
KANSAS CITY -- On Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 7:45 PM, the witness stepped outside on the balcony to watch the sunset in the clear weather. The witness lives near a small airport and frequently sees small aircraft. He observed a triangular shaped craft flying south at an altitude of about one half mile and at less than one mile away. The witness states, "I could see it clearly, the craft was triangular with rounded corners, dark in color, that didn't reflect any sunlight and made no noise." I would gauge the size of it to be similar to a large commercial aircraft. "The surface that I saw appeared to be smooth without any lights on it. "When first seen I thought it was a kite drifting on the wind but it flew smoothly in a straight line, not erratically like one expects a kite to do. It flew slowly enough that it was in sight for at least two minutes. During this time it maintained a steady flight path and did not change it's altitude or distance from me. I finally lost sight of it to the north due to the edge of the building I was in. While I was watching this craft a small Cessna took off from the airport and reached an altitude of about 1500 feet and the engine on this plane was easily heard. I've seen the B-1 Stealth aircraft in flight at distances of a 1000 feet and the craft I saw yesterday evening was a little different. What impressed me the most was the rounded corners, total lack of noise, it's shape and that it didn't reflect any sunlight in the setting sun. I am 40 + year-old, college educated, worked many years in the medical field and am currently state certified in public service. In the military I had flight line clearance but have never before seen a craft exactly like this one. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director National Reporting Center <http://www.ufocenter.com>



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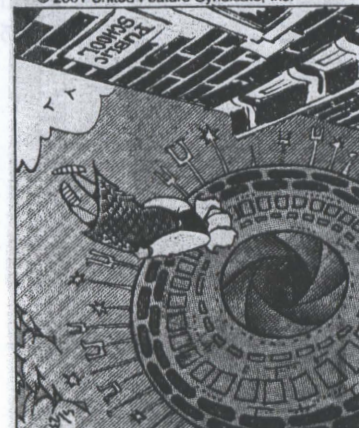
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